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APPENDIX A:  
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein in said step (2), the ground-ball pad is formed with four air vents spaced substantially at 90[180]<sup>o</sup> intervals around the via hole.
8. (Amended) The TBGA package configuration of claim 5, wherein the ring-shaped ground-ball pad is formed with four air vents spaced substantially at 90[180]<sup>o</sup> intervals around the via hole.